

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 11-44

Introduced by Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive and Council Member Guthrie

Legislative Day No. 11-20 Date September 13, 2011

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 267-112, Historic landmarks, of Article XIII, General Provisions for Historic Landmarks, of Part 2, Miscellaneous, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the designation of Dembytown Church (John Wesley United Methodist Church) at 800 Trimble Road as a county landmark; and generally relating to historic landmarks.

By the Council, September 13, 2011

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: October 11, 2011

at: 6:30PM

By Order: , Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 11, 2011, and concluded on, October 11, 2011.

, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 WHEREAS, Dembytown Church is of great historical significance to the citizens of Harford
2 County; and

3 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 267-108 of the Harford County Code, as amended,
4 Dembytown Church meets one or more of the criteria necessary to be listed as a Harford County
5 Landmark; and

6 WHEREAS, the proposed nominated historic landmark includes a church, which is located on
7 approximately 1.03 acres on the northern side of Trimble Road in southern Harford County; and

8 WHEREAS, Dembytown Church was inventoried and recorded on the Maryland Inventory of
9 Historic Properties as historical site HA-1605; and

10 WHEREAS, on April 6, 2011, the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission voted
11 and unanimously recommended that the property known as Dembytown Church located at 800 Trimble
12 Road be listed as a Harford County Historic Landmark; and

13 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 267-111 of the Harford County Code, as amended, a
14 public meeting was held on July 6, 2011 to provide an opportunity for public comment on the
15 designation.

16 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 267-
17 112, Historic landmarks, of Article XIII, General Provisions for Historic Landmarks, of Part 2,
18 Miscellaneous, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby,
19 repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

20 **Chapter 267. Zoning**

21 **Part 2. Miscellaneous**

22 **Article XIII. General Provisions for Historic Landmarks**

23 **§ 267-112. Historic landmarks.**

24 The Department of Planning and Zoning shall maintain a list of the County's designated
25 historic landmarks consisting of public and private sites and structures in the County as well as a list

of properties/sites that the Commission considers to be of significant historical, architectural, archeological or cultural value that are eligible for designation.

The following sites are designated as County historic landmarks in accordance with this Part. The boundaries of the County historic landmarks are shown on the official historic districts and landmarks maps, on file with the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Historic Inventory Number	Property Name	Property Address
937	Christopher's Camp	1219 South Fountain Green Road, Bel Air
441	Churchville Presbyterian Church and Cemetery	2844 Churchville Road, Churchville
225	Hays House	324 South Kenmore Avenue, Bel Air
609	Little Falls Meeting House Burial Ground	719 Old Fallston Road, Fallston
610	Fallston Friends Schoolhouse	719 Old Fallston Road, Fallston
855	Nelson-Reardon-Kennard House	3604 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon
4	Rigbie House	2422 Castleton Road, Darlington
1312	St. Francis de Sales Church	1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon
5	Sophia's Dairy	4602 Pulaski Highway, Belcamp
168	St. Mary's Church	1 St. Mary's Church Road, Abingdon
561	Stansbury Mansion	1616 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville
49	Thomas Run Church	Thomas Run Road, Bel Air
165	Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church	2202 Shuresville Road, Darlington
12	Deer Creek Friends Meeting House and Cemetery	1212 Main Street, Darlington
6	Bon Air	2501 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston
307	Mccomas Institute	1911 Singer Road, Joppa
249	Spesutia Church Vestry House and Cemetery	1504 Perryman Road, Aberdeen
867	Bush Hotel	4014 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon
1315	Joppa Historic District	Joppa
44	D. H. Springhouse	3000 Sandy Hook Road, Bel Air
469	King and Queen Seats	Rt. 24, Street
1117	Whitaker Mill and Miller's House	1212 Whitaker Mill Road, Joppa
103	Tabernacle Church	Tabernacle Road, Whiteford

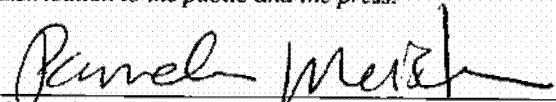
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66	Old Brick Baptist Church	Baldwin Mill Road, Forest Hill
1590	St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery	4139 Gravel Hill Road, Havre De Grace
693	Woodside	400 Singer Road, Abingdon
240	Swansbury	111 Beards Hill Ext., Aberdeen
1279	Greenwood	331 Glenville Road, Churchville
1435	Historical Society Headquarters/ Old Bel Air Post Office	143 N. Main Street, Bel Air
356	Joshua's Meadows	300 N. Tollgate Road, Bel Air
1244	Hopkins House	141 N. Main Street, Bel Air
1393	Old Aegis Building	29 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1394	Mrs. Dunnigan's Building	31 West Courtland Street
1780	Old Aberdeen High School	34 N. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen
1395	Mrs. Dunnigan's Hotel and Restaurant	33 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1463	Harford Mutual Fire Insurance Company Building	18 Office Street, Bel Air
2181	Darlington Library	1134 Main Street, Darlington
218	Harford County Courthouse	20 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1456	Survey Stones for Bel Air at 220 South Main St.	220 South Main Street, Bel Air
1396	Survey Stones for Bel Air at 33 West Courtland St.	33 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1311	Bel Air M.E. Church (Main Street)	20 N. Main Street, Bel Air
1413	Bel Air Black School	205 Hays Street, Bel Air
1267	Asbury M.E. Church	114 Asbury Road, Churchville
448	Ivory Mills	4916 Harford Creamery Road, Norrisville
458 & 459	George N. Wiley Mill	4907 Jolly Acres Road, Norrisville
997	Calvary United Methodist Church	1321 Calvary Road, Churchville
1228	Woodview	1326 Somerville Road, Bel Air
1605	DEMBYTOWN CHURCH	800 TRIMBLE ROAD, JOPPATOWNE
Park Property:		
2180	Francis Silver Park (Darlington)	2428 Shuresville Road, Darlington
370	Scott House (Equestrian Center)	608 Tollgate Road, Bel Air
230	Liriodendron	502 W. Gordon Street, Bel Air
562	Eden Mill Park	1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville
1081	Stone House and Spring House (Edgeley Grove Farm)	864 Smith Lane, Benson
Bridges:		
439	Franklinville Road	Joppa

Historic Inventory Number	Property Name	Property Address
1119	Old Carrs Mill Road	Fallston
336	Nobles Mill Road	Darlington
799	Cherry Hill Road	Street
1982	Forge Hill Road	Dublin
1038	Ring Factory Road	Bel Air
1237	Whitaker Mill Road	Joppa
1098	Green Road	Whitehall
Board of Education:		
699	Harford Glen	60 W. Wheel Road, Bel Air
1407	Methodist Episcopal Parsonage (Demolished)	35 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
1410	Kimble-Waters House (Demolished)	50 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
2179	Darlington Elementary School	2119 Shuresville Road, Darlington
258	Proctor House	54 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
1409	Old Bel Air Academy	45 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
Harford Community College:		
152	Hays-Heighe House	401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air

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3 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date
4 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: December 19, 2011

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.


Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 11-44

Brief Title County Landmark – Dembytown Church

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Pamela Meister
Council Administrator

Date October 11, 2011

ENROLLED

Billy Bonifant
Council President

Date October 11, 2011

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 11-22

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Pamela Meister
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 13th day of October, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Pamela Meister
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

David R. Craig
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date October 18, 2011

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 11-44, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 18, 2011.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 19, 2011

Pamela Meister
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Council Administrator

Bill # 11-44: Harford County Historic Landmark – Dembytown Church



Dembytown Church (John Wesley United Methodist Church) - 800 Trimble Road, Joppa, MD

Introduction:

The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting on April 6, 2011 to determine whether or not the property known as the Dembytown Church, 800 Trimble Rd, met the *Criteria for Consideration of Nomination* (§267-108) pursuant to Part 2, Article XIII of the Harford County Zoning Code. The Historic Preservation Commission determined that the property met the criteria for designation and has submitted the nominated Historic Landmark for County Council adoption. An additional public meeting was held on July 6, 2011 to solicit citizen comments and input. The Historic Preservation Commission investigated possible listing at the request of the church congregation.

History:

The Dembytown community began in 1917 when the Federal government purchased the Gunpowder and Bush river necks for a military installation. The former property owners of this land received payment from Washington for their lost acres and bought farms elsewhere in the County. The workers, generally tenant farmers or sharecroppers, received nothing and were forced to move from the source of their livelihoods. Many such displaced families, including the Gilberts and the Dembys, bought land and settled on a stretch of land near Magnolia. The houses, school, and church they built created the small community known as Dembytown.

The Dembytown Church is located at the top of the hill that leads down to the site of the Dembytown community. The church has served as the focal point of this small historic community since its construction in 1919. The church represents the relocation and resettlement of displaced farm workers as a result of the County's bay front land being condemned for the creation of the Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1917.



Dembytown Church (John Wesley United Methodist Church) - 800 Trimble Road, Joppa, MD.

Many of the original structures in Dembytown were quickly constructed due to the chaotic time. Since many of the structures were simple and economically built, the majority have not survived. The Dembytown Church is among the very few, if not the only remaining standing structure from the original historic Dembytown community. The church stands as a valuable historic resource to Harford County and could likely provide important information regarding the African American experience in Harford County during the first quarter of the 20th century.